

Application No. 10/598,102

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 4, and 7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicant
CANCELS claims 5 and 6.

Applicant greatly appreciates the allowance of claims 2, 4, and 7 by the Examiner.
Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner inadvertently indicated claim 7 as being
rejected in the Advisory Action dated January 13, 2010, because claim 7 depends from allowed
claim 2.

Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino (U.S.
2003/0007227) in view of Toyoda (JP 11-120491). Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §
103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Toyoda, and further in view of Prince et al.
(U.S. 5,440,322).

As indicated above, Applicant has canceled claims 5 and 6 thus rendering rejections of
claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Toyoda and claim
6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ogino in view of Toyoda, and further in
view of Prince et al. moot.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that
this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance
are solicited.

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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with
the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1353.

Respectfully submitted,

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